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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 195

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2007

1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable David Hawker) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **AGED CARE AMENDMENT (SECURING THE FUTURE OF AGED CARE FOR AUSTRALIANS) BILL 2007**

Mr Pyne (Minister for Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to aged care, and for related purposes.

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Mr Pyne presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Pyne moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Emerson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (MEDICARE DENTAL SERVICES) BILL 2007**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Hawker, in the Chair)—

AYES, 80

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Mr Laming	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr Fawcett	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Henry	Mr Neville	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull*	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Robb	Mr Windsor
Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz	Mr Wood

NOES, 56

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Ms Plibersek
Mr Beazley	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Quick
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms King	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Dr Lawrence	Ms Roxon
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Sawford
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Sercombe
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby*	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 345, 8 August 2007, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

4 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT (CAPE YORK MEASURES) BILL 2007

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Ms Macklin who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House provides bipartisan support for:

- (1) eliminating the 17 year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation so that every Indigenous child has the same educational and life opportunities as other Australian children;
- (2) Labor’s positive policy approach towards narrowing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous educational outcomes by:
 - (a) providing universal preschool access for all Australian four-year olds, including Indigenous four year olds;
 - (b) committing additional funding towards intensive literacy and numeracy programs across Australia;
 - (c) developing new programs to tackle the gap in numeracy outcomes between Indigenous and other Australian children;
 - (d) implementing the Australian Early development index for all Australian children starting school; and
 - (e) introducing Individual learning Plans for all Indigenous children in Australia”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negated.

Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 346, 20 August 2007, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Ms J. Bishop (Minister for Education, Science and Training), the bill was read a third time.

5 SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 2) BILL 2007

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Ms Gillard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) notes the additional parliamentary scrutiny of Legislative Instruments in place of administrative guidelines;
- (2) calls on the Government to listen to the concerns of the disability community regarding the quality and fairness of their Job Capacity Assessment system; and
- (3) calls on the Government to consult with stakeholders, to ensure that these new guidelines do not make life harder for people with a disability and that they have fair and reasonable opportunity to appeal decisions relating to job capacity assessments”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 347, 15 August 2007, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Ms Gillard moved the Opposition amendment.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Dr Stone (Minister for Workforce Participation), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

6 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Document

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Abbott, by leave, Government amendments (1) and (2) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Abbott, by leave, the bill was read a third time.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended

The Speaker named the Member for Melbourne (Mr Tanner) for defying the Chair.

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Melbourne be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Hawker, in the Chair)—

AYES, 86

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Laming	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Ms Ley	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mrs Markus	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Henry	Dr Nelson	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Howard	Mr Pearce	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull*	Mr Prosser	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Randall	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Richardson	Mr Windsor
Mr Downer	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb	Mr Wood
Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms King	Ms Roxon
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Rudd
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr Sawford
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr Sercombe
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	Mr Wilkie
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	
Ms K. M. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.37 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 94, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 2.51 p.m. the Member for Gorton (Mr B. P. O'Connor) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for disorderly behaviour, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Proposed motion of dissent

Mr Albanese having sought to move a motion of dissent—

Speaker's ruling

The Speaker ruled that a direction under standing order 94(a) for a Member to leave the Chamber was not a ruling, and that dissent was therefore not possible.

Dissent from ruling moved

Mr Albanese moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Member directed to leave

At 3.03 p.m. the Member for Oxley (Mr Ripoll) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Hawker, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms King	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Dr Lawrence	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Swan
Ms Corcoran	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Danby*	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Ms Plibersek	

NOES, 84

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Laming	Mr Schultz
Mr Andrews	Mr Entsch	Ms Ley	Mr Scott
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Baird	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Baker	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Ticehurst
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mr Broadbent	Mr Henry	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Howard	Mr Neville	Mr Turnbull
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull*	Mr Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Downer	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Robb	Mr Wood

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

8 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Australian National Audit Office—Report for 2006-2007.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

9 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australia Post—Statement of corporate intent 2007/08-2009/10.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report of the Chief Executive Officer for the period 1 September 2006 to 31 December 2006—Correction.

Australian War Memorial—Report for 2006-07.

Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—

Government response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's statements—Personal identifiers 215/07 to 220/07.

Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 215/07 to 220/07.

Reserve Bank of Australia—

Payments System Board—Report for 2006-07.

Report on equity and diversity for 2006-07.

Surveillance Devices Act 2004—Commonwealth Ombudsman's report on inspections of surveillance device records for the period 1 January to 30 June 2007—Australian Federal Police, South Australia Police and New South Wales Police.

Treaties—List of multilateral treaty actions under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government as at September 2007.

Workplace Relations Act—Agreement making in Australia under the Act—Report for 2004 to 2006.

10 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following documents:

Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Government response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman’s statements—Personal identifiers 215/07 to 220/07.

Workplace Relations Act—Agreement making in Australia under the Act—Report for 2004 to 2006.

Debate adjourned (Mr Albanese), and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SKILLS, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The House was informed that Mr S. F. Smith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to adequately invest in the skills, education and training of our people and the need for greater investment in education at every level”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr S. F. Smith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

The time allotted under sessional order No. 1 having expired, the discussion was interrupted.

12 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Baird (Chair) presented the following documents:

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report of the 2007 New Zealand parliamentary committee exchange (15 to 19 July 2007)—

Report, September 2007.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Baird, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

13 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following documents:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

CSIRO collocation with Queensland Government on the Ecosciences and Health and Food Sciences precincts, Brisbane, Queensland (10th report of 2007).

RAAF Base Amberley redevelopment stage three, Queensland (11th report of 2007).

C-17 Heavy Airlift Infrastructure Project (12th report of 2007).

Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

Mrs Moylan and Mr B. P. O’Connor, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

14 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Dr Washer (Chair) presented the following documents:

Environment and Heritage—Standing Committee—Managing the flow: Regulating plumbing product quality—

Report, September 2007.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Dr Washer and Mr Kerr, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Dr Washer moved—That the House take note of the report.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Kerr presented the following documents:

Australian Crime Commission—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society—

Report, incorporating additional comments, September 2007.

Evidence received by the committee.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Kerr and Mr Wood, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

16 CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SEX TOURISM OFFENCES AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 2007—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Ms J. Bishop (Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

17 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to with amendments (*see item No. 4, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Ms J. Bishop (Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

18 TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2007—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—

On the motion of Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 5) BILL 2007

Message No. 348, 13 September 2007, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of amendments of a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 5) BILL 2007

Message No. 613, 18 September 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 with requests for amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mr Andrews (Minister for Immigration and Citizenship), the requested amendments were made.

21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2007

Message No. 614, 18 September 2007, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

22 BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Bartlett (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the Australian Crime Commission Amendment Bill 2007 be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

Question—put and passed.

23 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following bills without amendment or requests:

18 September 2007—Messages—

No. 610—Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) 2007.

No. 611—Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) 2007 (*without requests*).

No. 612—Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) 2007 (*without requests*).

19 September 2007—Message No. 615—Quarantine Amendment (Commission of Inquiry) 2007.

24 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

25 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2007 BUDGET MEASURES FOR STUDENTS) BILL 2007

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr S. F. Smith who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) welcomes the extension of eligibility for Austudy payments to students undertaking Masters degrees and the expansion of eligibility for Rent Assistance to all Austudy recipients;
- (2) notes that these measures come after more than eleven years in office, during which time the Government has made it more difficult for Australian students to go to University, demonstrated by the fact that:
 - (a) the cost of a university degree has increased student HECS debts by between \$7,500 and \$30,000;
 - (b) there are now more than 100 University degrees costing more than \$100,000;
 - (c) since 1996, HECS debts have nearly tripled from \$4.5 billion to nearly \$13 billion;
- (3) notes the findings of the Australian University Finances 2006 report which revealed:
 - (a) nearly 42 per cent of all full-time undergraduates and nearly 33 per cent of full-time postgraduate coursework students had a total annual income of less than \$10,000;
 - (b) full-time postgraduate coursework students had the highest rate of rejection for Youth Allowance, the highest rate of dependence on a partner, and the highest level of debt; and
 - (c) female students are more likely to rely on free or subsidised services provided by Universities and student associations and believed they would be less able to afford these services if they were not subsidised;
- (4) notes the Government’s dismissive and out of touch attitude of these findings, in particular, the labelling of the survey of nearly 19,000 questionnaire responses as ‘anecdotal’, for suggesting that students should be more ‘frugal’ with their finances, and for saying that the HECS system is ‘generous’; and
- (5) condemns the Government for failing to adequately meet the genuine income support needs of Australia’s University students over its period in office”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 349, 21 June 2007, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr S. F. Smith, the Opposition amendment was made.

Document

Ms J. Bishop (Minister for Education, Science and Training) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Ms J. Bishop, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (2) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Ms J. Bishop, by leave, the bill was read a third time.

26 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (EXTENDING FEE-HELP FOR VET DIPLOMA AND VET ADVANCED DIPLOMA COURSES) BILL 2007

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr S. F. Smith who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) welcomes the extension of FEE-HELP but notes it has been unnecessarily restricted by requiring eligible providers to be corporate entities thereby excluding more than 7,000 VET students in Queensland TAFE Institutes, and secondly by limiting eligibility to those courses that give credit for higher education or University qualifications; and
- (2) notes the Senate Inquiry into this legislation also shared Labor’s concerns through their recommendation that the Government consider the practical examples raised regarding the exclusion of the vocational graduate certificate and vocational graduate diploma to ensure the legislation adequately meets its stated objectives”.

Debate continued.

Mr Henry addressing the House—

27 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 19 September 2007:

Christmas Island Act—List of Western Australian Acts for the period 16 March to 15 September 2007.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—List of Western Australian Acts for the period 16 March to 15 September 2007.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—2007 Nos 60, 61.

Telecommunications Act 1997—Declaration—Carrier Licence Conditions (Telstra Corporation Limited) 1997—2007 Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L03728].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andren and Ms Hoare.



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 195

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2007

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SEX TOURISM OFFENCES AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 2007**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

4 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Document

Mr Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Billson, by leave, Government amendments (1) and (2) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House with amendments—put and passed.

5 **FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mrs B. K. Bishop—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 13 September 2007*), viz.—

Family and Human Services—Standing Committee—The winnable war on drugs—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, September 2007—

Debate resumed.

Mrs B. K. Bishop, by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Danby), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Baird—
That the House take note of the document (*presented on 17 September 2007*), *viz.*—

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2006 (Second report)—Report, September 2007—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Dr Southcott), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Dr Southcott, the Main Committee adjourned at 1 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 9.30 a.m. tomorrow for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee